

COMMISSION AGHAST AT RAILROAD GRAFT

Startling Revelations in
Coal and Oil Investigation.

BLAME MEN "HIGHER UP"

One Member Deplores Fact That Penn-
sylvania Is Honeycombed With
Questionable Methods.

A conference will be held Wednesday or Thursday between the Interstate Commerce Commission and its attorneys conducting the coal and oil investigations, in accordance with the Tillman-Gillespie resolution to decide upon further procedure. Dates for future hearings in both subjects will probably be set at that time. In the meantime, the attorneys will prepare their recommendations for the commission.

Other Graft Levied.

Startling as have been the revelations, the commission is inclined to believe that coal is but one of the many items upon which the grafters have levied their tax. Representatives now in Washington of a company that manufactures car couplers, declare that they cannot sell to certain lines of a system that elsewhere uses its coupler, because the directors of the lines has been taken into a rival firm. The commission has heard the story.

It is pointed out as significant that on many railroads officials "higher up" have taken away from their purchasing agents the authority to buy lubricating oil. It paid them to watch the oil trade, personally, it is pointed out. These conditions, the commission considers, must be left largely to investigation and remedy within the various companies.

The members of the commission deplore greatly the conditions of the Pennsylvania railroad revealed at the Philadelphia hearings.

Pennsylvania Is Honeycombed.

"To think that the Pennsylvania," said one of the commission, "which we had proudly pointed to as the greatest and perhaps the best-managed railroad system in the world, should be honeycombed with graft, and practically at the mercy of subordinates."

In the Chicago and Cleveland hearings the commission believes that it has covered the oil situation in the Middle West and East. If the facts it has revealed are considered in connection with the Garfield report on the Standard Oil Company. This concern has asked for the privilege of presenting testimony to the commission, and the request will be granted. Although testimony in this branch of the investigation will be largely that of the defense.

B. & O. Gives In.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has at last complied with the request of the commission for a copy of the contract by which it is reported, during the course of the investigation into the coal situation, its holdings in the Consolidation Coal Company of West Virginia to the Watson syndicate of Baltimore. The commission will on Thursday, or possibly before that time, consider the advisability of making the contract a part of the contract, together with the price. Chairman Knapp said today that the commission had not had time to examine the contract, although it had submitted some days ago. Baltimore and Ohio officials may be recalled and questioned further about the sale.

GERMAN COMMERCIAL AGENTS FOR AMERICA

BERLIN, May 28.—The government is appointing a number of export commercial agents in America, Europe and India. These agents will act independently of the consuls and the cost of maintaining them will be supplied from a special foreign office vote.

No tired Brains when Grape-Nuts food is used.

FACT !!!

Bread dyspepsia is common. It affects the bowels because white bread is nearly all starch, and starch is digested in the intestines, not in the stomach proper. Up under the shell of the wheat berry Nature has provided a curious deposit which is turned into diastase when it is subjected to the saliva and to the pancreatic juices in the human intestines. This diastase is absolutely necessary to digest starch and turn it into grape-sugar, which is the next form; but that part of the wheat berry makes dark flour, and the modern miller cannot readily sell dark flour, so nature's valuable digester is thrown out and the human system must handle the starch as best it can, without the help that Nature intended.

Small wonder that appendicitis, peritonitis, constipation, and all sorts of trouble exist when we go contrary to Nature's law. The food experts that perfected Grape-Nuts Food, knowing these facts, made use of their experiments of the entire wheat and barley, including all the parts, and subjected them to a long and continued warmth, which allowed the diastase and the proper conditions for developing the diastase, outside of the human body.

In this way the starchy part is transformed into grape-sugar in a perfectly natural manner, without the use of chemicals or any outside ingredients. The little sparkling crystals of grape-sugar can be seen on the pieces of Grape-Nuts. This food therefore is naturally pure, digested and its use in place of bread will quickly correct the troubles that have been brought about by the too free use of starch in the food, and that is very common in the human race today.

The effect of eating Grape-Nuts ten days or two weeks and the discontinuance of ordinary white bread, is very marked. The user will gain rapidly in strength and physical and mental health.

"There's a reason."

ROBERT PORTNER, PIONEER MERCHANT

Well-Known Business Man
Expires at Country Home.

WAS NATIVE OF PRUSSIA

Started Early in Brewing Business
Which Later Extended to Con-
fines of District.

The funeral of Robert Portner, whose death occurred yesterday afternoon at his home, near Manassas, Va., will take place from there tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The remains will be interred in the family burying ground nearby. The funeral services and interment will be private.

Mr. Portner was a native of Prussia, having been born at Rahden, Westphalia, March 20, 1837. He came to America in 1853, and eight years later engaged in the grocery business at Alexandria. Later he engaged in the brewing business and supplied the men of both armies with his product. This business rapidly grew, until in 1883 it was being conducted on a large scale, and he incorporated it under the name of the Robert Portner Brewing Company, of Alexandria. Later he became vice president of the National Capital Brewing Company of this city. In connection with the brewing business, Mr. Portner invented and manufactured the first successful machine for artificial refrigeration with ammonia expansion, which he put into use in 1878.

In 1881 Mr. Portner moved to Washington. Although he left Alexandria, he was only becoming fairly well established in that city at the time. Since then he became interested in other enterprises across the river, and also became prominently identified with half a dozen important banking and other concerns in Washington. Among these are the National Bank of Washington, the American Security and Trust Company, Riggs Fire Insurance Company, Virginia Midland railway, and the Capital Traction Company. After establishing his summer home at Manassas several

years ago, and still being heavily interested in both Alexandria and Washington, Mr. Portner became prominently identified with the National Bank of Manassas.

After coming to Washington, Mr. Portner became heavily interested in real estate and had considerable building and developing of new sections of the city. The biggest enterprise in this line was the Portner apartment house, the first modern apartment house to be built in Washington. He owned and controlled this property up to the time of his death.

Besides being a prominent member of different banks and other associations, Mr. Portner was president of the United States Brewers' Association, shortly after its organization in 1880-81. Mrs. Portner accompanied her husband to Manassas when he left Washington recently, and when his illness became so critical the other members of the family went to his bedside. At present all the members of the family are there. Besides Mrs. Portner, the deceased is survived by ten sons and daughters, they being Edward, Alvin, Oscar, Paul, Hermann, Anna, Etta, Esila, Hildegard, and Mrs. Alma Kohler.

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Rev. Ewell Sick.

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OLD BIBLE MAY PROVE
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This Bible, it is maintained, contains evidence wanted by the heirs to prove their right to land in New York city worth \$200,000.

The doctor's proposition met with much opposition. Dr. Lamoreaux wants \$2,000 for the Bible and 10 per cent of whatever sum may be realized from the Van Horn estate.

STARTLING SNAKE STORIES
FROM PENNSYLVANIA TOWNS

LEWISTOWN, Pa., May 28.—Inside of a seven-foot blacksnake, killed by Engineer Harry J. Hummel at Granville bridge, were two half-grown kittens.

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A copperhead bit John Crozier, of this town, through the little finger, then set his jaws so tight that the head of the snake had to be pulled off to release the man. A doctor with antivenom saved Crozier's life.

Funeral of E. Milburn.

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Funeral of Mrs. Cullen.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Dollie Frances Cullen took place from St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock this morning, when a requiem mass was sung by the Rev. Father Cutler. The interment was in Bethel Cemetery.

Suicide's Remains Identified.

The remains of the man who committed suicide at the Hotel Fleischmann last week have been identified as those of Fred Schneider, of New York.

Fined for Vulgarity.

George Chichester was arrested by Policeman Jones yesterday on the charge of using vulgar language in the presence of a young lady. In the police court this morning Justice Caton fined him \$5. He was represented by G. L. Booth.

Brooke-Herbert Engagement.

Mrs. William Herbert has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Susie Herbert, to George Brooke, of Cumberland, Md. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, 14th June, at the home of the bride in North Washington street.

To Discuss Henry Street Track.

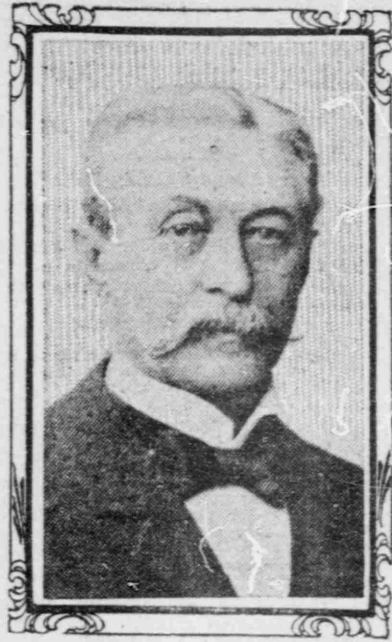
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RACING TOMORROW ON UPPER POTOMAC

Inter-Canoe Club Association
Arranges Program.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANOEISTS

Syracuse Island Will Be Thrown Open
to Public for Gala Occasion.
Events Start at 1:30.

The Inter-Canoe Club Association races which will be held at Broad Water on the upper Potomac tomorrow afternoon should be one of the biggest aquatic events in the history of canoeing in the District.

The executive committee, of which Dr. W. W. Hodges is the chairman, has arranged an attractive and interesting program, comprising nine events, the first a novice single, open to all members; second, novice doubles, open to all; third and fourth, association championship singles and doubles; fifth, club four; sixth, mixed doubles; seventh, tilting race; eighth, tail end race; and ninth, relay race. The seventh and eighth events will probably be the most popular.

In the tilting race two contestants are in each canoe, one to paddle, and the other with a long pole patted on the far end. The object is to duck either one or both opponents. The tail end race is run in the following manner: Each entrant sits in the forward end of the boat and races to the finish, the position in the craft making steering difficult, paddling not only difficult but decided a matter of life and death. The manipulator's endeavors to reach the finish.

Notice to the Public.

There is one thing in connection with the races tomorrow that the committee wishes to impress on the public, and that is, that no one who has not a membership card of the Inter-Canoe Club Association will be allowed to paddle above the first lock, nor will he be allowed to cart his boat around the locks without this card, which can be had of Secretary L. F. Eberbach, at 413 Eleventh street northwest.

The reason for this is that some time ago canoeists who took the trip through the locks were inclined to take advantage of the size of their craft and forge in ahead of the boats, and in other ways block traffic. The result was that the company refused to issue waybills except to a few select and frequently named persons. It was frequently impossible to secure them. However, when the Inter-Canoe Club Association was formed, the responsibility of all members passing through the locks, and the company agreed to the plan. The entries have not yet been completed, but those which are now in the hands of the committee follow:

The Entries.

Novice singles—Entries not completed. Novice doubles—A. C. Houghton and W. H. Houghton, O. DeCarr and C. Campbell, P. R. Burruss and L. E. Shirner, E. O. Conway and J. A. Sykes, Heidenrich and Puklin.

Association singles—Not completed. Association doubles—D. Talmadge and Gustaf O. DeCarr, G. C. Campbell, G. L. Livingston and J. S. Burruss.

Club fours—G. L. Livingston, R. P. Burruss, L. E. Shirner, J. S. Burruss, Kapitoll Kanoe Klub, Talmadge, Tennant, Barnes, Bangs, Kent C. C. Evans, Nevins, Connell, Sizer, Syracuse Island Club, Conway, O'Brien, Hunnison, Sykes, mixed crew S. I. A. C. Mixed doubles—Not completed.

Club fours—W. B. Whipple, Ray Garrett, Whipple (High Island Club), P. L. Eberbach.

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Relay race—Syracuse Island Club, Heidenrich, Nevins, Puklin, O'Connell, Sizer, Kapitoll Klub, R. P. Burruss, Heidenrich, G. L. Livingston, Shirner, Pugh, J. S. Burruss, Washington Canoe Club, Garrett, Whipple, Talmadge, Eberbach, Skinner.

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SAM SMALL TAKES MOURNERS' BENCH

Former Revivalist Professes
Repentance and Asks
for Prayers.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 28.—Sam Small, who, twenty years ago, was known as a revivalist from one end of the country to the other, confessed sinfulness and asked for prayers at the Torrey-Alexander meetings being held here. The meeting last night had rather dragged, although Dr. Torrey had preached a sermon, which rounded with fearful distinctness the warning of the coming judgment before the bar of God.

Just as Dr. Torrey was about to despair a chair was moved back on the platform, and at his side stood Sam Small, every muscle in his body quivering with emotion, yet when he spoke his voice was clear and distinct.

"Dr. Torrey," he said, "I once accepted Christ, and had the full joy of his salvation, but I have drifted far away, and God knows I need to repent, and God helping me, I do now and here repent and tender my life to Him."

and so saying he sank into a chair and his head fell on the table in front of him, while he wept. An instant hush, an interested hush—silenced the house, and in the quiet of the moment Dr. Torrey said:

"Mr. Alexander, come here and pray for Sam Small. And from his seat in the rear Mr. Alexander came to the front, and putting his arm on Sam Small's shoulder, prayed. Before the words of Mr. Alexander had died away Dr. Torrey began praying.

Then a tremendous wave of religious enthusiasm swept over the meeting.

X-RAY BURNS COST
PHYSICIAN \$7,500

VIENNA, May 28.—For burning a patient with X-rays, Dr. Holzknecht, chief of the Roentgen ray department of the Vienna general hospital, has had to pay a penalty of \$7,500.

The patient, Herr Haas, was sent to the hospital to be treated for a skin disease on his back. Dr. Holzknecht operated on him with the X-rays, which, however, burned the patient within an inch of his life. He was laid up in bed for a year afterward, and brought an action against Dr. Holzknecht, whom he accused of using the rays with unwarranted confidence, as in 1902, when the operation was performed, the system was not sufficiently understood to be used with safety for medical purposes.

The court awarded Herr Haas the damages he demanded.

BEATEN AND ROBBED
BY COLORED FOOTPADS

With his scalp lacerated in four places and his face bruised and cut, James Tarpson, colored, nineteen years old, of Richmond, Va., staggered into the Emergency Hospital last night and told a story of being beaten into insensibility and robbed by two other colored men near the south end of the Long Bridge. The hold-up was reported to the local police, but no action can be taken because the crime was committed outside this jurisdiction.

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CHICAGO'S TRADE GROWTH ENORMOUS

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SHOWER OF FRESH FISH